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SYSTEM WITH SUCTION CONTROL

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants and their attorneys respectfully request that WIPO Publication No. WO 97/16220 be made of record in the official United States Patent and Trademark Office file relating to the above-identified application. A copy of the WIPO Publication is attached hereto along with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO-1449.

Applicants and their attorneys would also like to take this opportunity to inform the United States Patent and Trademark Office about the existence of U.S. patent application No. 08/868,429 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COLLECTING SURGICAL FLUIDS", which was filed on June 3, 1997 and refiled on August 24, 1999 as a CPA. Also, at least one of the inventors herein is named as an inventor on two other pending U.S. patent applications, viz., Serial No. 09/495,263 entitled "OPTICAL FLUID SENSOR" and Serial No. 09/497,221 entitled "SURGICAL FLUID MANAGEMENT

SYSTEM WITH A DAMPENING CHAMBER", that were filed on the same day as the present application. All three of the copending applications referred to above are believed to be owned by the assignee of the present application.

In view of the foregoing comments, examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. If there are any fees due in connection with the submittal of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 19-1218.



Respectfully submitted,

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